

9 8. (Amended) A tool for withdrawing a soil sample, said tool comprising a frame member including an inverted U-shaped guard portion including spaced upright legs having lower ends, a foot portion fixed to said lower ends of said legs and including an outer perimeter extending laterally beyond said spaced legs, a slot defined by a vertically extending wall and including an entry part, a semi-circular part extending from said entry part and located between said legs, and a groove located in said wall and extending horizontally, and an abutment portion extending horizontally between said legs in upwardly spaced relation from said foot portion, an elongated hollow cylindrical member adapted to be inserted into the ground, extending downwardly from said foot portion, and including an inner wall, upper and lower ends, and a flange extending horizontally outwardly from said upper end and removably located in said groove, and a plunger member located, in part, between said legs and, in part, for slideable movement within said elongated hollow cylindrical member and including upper and lower ends, and a piston seal [sealing] engaging said inner wall of said elongated hollow cylindrical member, and a horizontally extending portion at said upper end thereof engageable with said abutment portion of said frame member to prevent upward movement of said plunger member during insertion of said elongated hollow cylindrical [tubular] member into the ground.

9 9. (Amended) A tool in accordance with Claim 8 wherein said piston resiliently engages said inner wall of said elongated hollow cylindrical member.

9 10. (Amended) A tool in accordance with Claim 8 wherein said frame member includes a horizontal portion extending from and between said legs, and wherein said abutment portion includes [surface is formed on] an abutment member which is adjustably fixed in said horizontal portion.

9 11. (Amended) A tool in accordance with Claim 8 wherein said horizontal portion includes a vertically extending threaded bore, and wherein said abutment [adjustment] member comprises a bolt including a head [providing said abutment surface and] located below said horizontal portion, and a threaded stem extending upwardly from said head and threadedly engaged in said threaded bore in said horizontal portion.